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| 6. | Pandharpur Lonand (145 kms.) | 300 | This line cannot be considered at present owing to constraint of resources. However, after gauge conversion of Miraj-Latur section, work for which is on hand, Pandharpur which is on the alignment would be connected to BG. Intending passengers from Pandharpur wanting to go to Lonand can come to Miraj and then conveniently reach Lonand, which is on the existing Pune Miraj section. |
| 7. | Kolhapur Ratnagiri (115 kms.) | 300 | |
| 8. | Solapur Beed Aurangabad Chalisgaon (300 kms.) | 600 | Cannot be considered at present due to constraint of resources. |
| 9. | Pune Nasik (190 kms.) | 300 | |

**Free passes to railway servants**

4620. SHRI RAMNATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railway servants, after five years' service, are entitled to the privilege of free passes numbering 3 sets to non-gazetted and 6 sets to the gazetted, in a calendar year for self, family and dependents;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the facility of free rail travel passes is curtailed in respect of those physically handicapped railway servants who need an escort due to permanent/partial disablity of upper and/or lower extremities;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken for elimination of the said discriminatory treatment being meted out only to the physically handicapped railway servants and their families?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Physically handicapped Railway employees are eligible for the same scale of privilege passes as other railway employees. Only when physically handicapped employees ask for provision of the facility of an outsider (who is otherwise not permisssible to be included in the privilege pass) as escort, the issue of passes is regulated as under:

(i) Non-gazetted employees who are otherwise eligible for one or three second class passes based on length of Railway service can be granted one set of First Class pass with an escort in the same class in a year.

(ii) Other non-gazetted employees who are entitled to 3 sets of First Class passes may avail two sets of First Class passes in a year with an escort in the same

class. Those who are entitled to less than 3 sets of First Class passes may avail of one set of First Class Pass in a year with an escort in the same class.

(iii) Gazetted employees, may avail 3 sets of First Class Passes in a year with an escort in the same class.

(c) There is no discriminatory treatment. An additional facility has been provided to physically handicapped railway employees for inclusion of an outsider (who is not othewise covered by Pass Rules) as an escort in their Privilege Passes.

**Royalty paid by M|s. A. H. Wheeler and Co.**

4630. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of amount paid by M/s. A. H. Wheelers and Co. as a royalty, Station-wise on the Western, Central, Northern, South Eastern, Eastern, South Central, North Eastern and North East Frontier Railways, month and year-wise, from 1st January, 1992 to 31st December, 1994?

THE MINSITER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Introduction of a Superfast Train Between Delhi and Varanasi**

4631. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the fact that only one train-namely Kashi Vishwanath Express, is running between New Delhi and Varanasi, Government propose to introduce another superfast train on the above route; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHAIREF): (a) and (b) Besides Kashi-Vishwanath Express, other through trains also provide service between New Delhi and Varanasi. Further, it is also proposed to introduce a new express train connecting New Delhi with Varanasi during 1995-96.

**मूल सुविधा श्रेणी में कुछ अतिरिक्त श्रेणी सुविधायें रखना**

**4632. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :**
**श्री आल मोहम्मद :**

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या सरकार ने शौचालयों, प्लेटफार्मों, उपमार्गों और खान-पान व्यवस्था को मूलभूत सुविधाओं की श्रेणी में न रखकर अतिरिक्त सुविधाओं की श्रेणी में रखा हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(ग) इन अतिरिक्त सुविधाओं को मूलभूत सुविधाओं की श्रेणी में शामिल करने हेतु क्या प्रयास किये गये हैं ?

**रेल मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ)** शरीफ : (क) से (ग) अब तक शौचालयों और प्लेटफार्मों की मूलभूत सुविधाओं के रूप में वर्गीकृत किया जाता था, ऊपरी पैदल पुलों/भूमिगत पैदल पार पथों और खान-पान की व्यवस्था, जो हालांकि अतिरिक्त सुविधाएं समझी जाती हैं, स्टेशनों पर आवश्यकता के आधार पर की जाती थी, बहरहाल सुविधाओं के पुनर्वर्गीकरण हेतु स्थाई समिति की हाल ही में की गई सिफारिशें स्वीकार कर ली गई हैं और अब सुविधाओं के पुनर्वर्गीकरण का अनुवर्ती कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है।